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The TATLER.

By *Iſaac Bickerſtaff* Eſq;

Nimirum Inſanus paucis videatur, eo quod
Maxima Pars Hominum Morbo jactatur eodem. Hor.

From *Saturday January* 28. to *Tueſday January* 31. 1709.

From my own Apartment, January 30.

THERE is no Affection of the Mind ſo much blended in Human Nature, and wrought into our very Conſtitution, as Pride. It appears under a multitude of Diſguiſes, and breaks out in Ten Thouſand different Symptoms. Every one feels it in himſelf, and yet wonders to ſee it in his Neighbour. I muſt confeſs, I met with an Inſtance of it the other Day where I ſhould very little have expected it. Who would believe the proud Perſon I am going to ſpeak of, is a Cobler upon *Ludgate-Hill*? This Artiſt being naturally a Lover of Reſpect, and conſidering that his Circumſtances are ſuch that no Man living will give it him, has contrived the Figure of a Beau in Wood, who ſtands before him in a bending Poſture, with his Hat under his Left Arm, and his Right Hand extended in ſuch a manner as to hold a Thread, a Piece of Wax, or an Awl, according to the particular Service in which his Maſter thinks fit to employ him. When I ſaw him, he held a Candle in this obſequious Poſture. I was very well pleaſed with the Cobler's Invention, that had ſo ingeniouſly contrived an Inferior, and ſtood a little while contemplating this inverted Idolatry, wherein the Image did Homage to the Man. When we meet with ſuch a fantaſtick Vanity in one of this Order, it is no wonder if we may trace it through all Degrees above it, and particularly through all the Steps of Greatneſs. We eaſily ſee the Abſurdity of Pride when it enters into the Heart of a Cobler; tho' in Reality it is altogether as ridiculous and unreaſonable wherever it takes Poſſeſſion of an Human Creature. There is no Temptation to it from the Reflexion upon our Being in general, or upon any Comparative Perfection, whereby one Man may excel another. The greater a Man's Knowledge is, the greater Motive he may ſeem to have for Pride; but in the ſame Proportion as the one riſes, the other ſinks, it being the chief Office of Wiſdom to diſcover to us our Weakneſſes and Imperfections.

As Folly is the Foundation of Pride, the Natural Super-ſtructure of it is Madneſs. If there was an Occaſion for the Experiment, I would not queſtion to make a proud Man a Lunatick in Three Weeks Time, provided I had it in my Power to ripen his Phrenſy with proper Applications. It is an admirable Reflection in *Terence*, where it is ſaid of a Paraſite, *Hic homines ex ſtultis facit inſanos. This Fellow* (ſays he) *has an Art of converting Fools into Madmen.* When I was in *France*, (the Region of Complaiſance and Vanity) I have often obſerved, that a great Man who has entered a Levy of Flatterers humble and temperate, has grown ſo inſenſibly heated by the Court, which was paid him on all Sides, that he has been quite diſtracted before he could get into his Coach.

If we conſult the Collegiates of *Moorfields*, we ſhall find moſt of them are beholden to their Pride for their Introduction into that magnificent Palace. I had ſome Years ago the Curioſity to enquire into the particular Circumſtances of theſe whimſical Freeholders, and learned from their own Mouths the Condition and Character of each of them. Indeed I found, that all I ſpoke to were Perſons of Quality. There were at that Time Five Dutcheſſes, Three Earls, Two Heathen Gods, an Emperor, and a Prophet. There were alſo a great Number of ſuch as were locked up from their Eſtates, and others who concealed their Titles. A Leather-ſeller of *Taunton* whiſper'd me in my Ear, That he was the Duke of *Monmouth*; but begged me not to betray him. At a little Diſtance from him ſat a Taylor's Wife, who asked me as I went by, if I had ſeen the Sword-bearer? Upon which I preſumed to ask her, Who ſhe was? And was anſwered, *My Lady Mayoreſs.*

I was very ſenſibly touched with Compaſſion towards theſe miſerable People; and indeed, extremely mortified to ſee Human Nature capable of being thus diſfigured. However, I reaped this Benefit from it, That I was reſolved to guard my ſelf againſt a Paſſion which makes ſuch Havock in the Brain, and produces ſo much Diſorder in the Imagination. For this Reaſon, I have endeavoured to keep down the ſecret Swellings of Reſentment, and ſtifle the very firſt Suggeſtions of Self-eſteem; to eſtabliſh my Mind in Tranquility, and over-value nothing in my own, or in another's Poſſeſſion.

For the Benefit of ſuch whoſe Heads are a little turned, though not to ſo great a Degree as to qualify them for the Place of which I have been now ſpeaking, I ſhall aſſign one of the Sides of the College which I am erecting, for the Cure of this dangerous Diſtemper.

The moſt remarkable of the Perſons whoſe Diſturbance ariſes from Pride, and whom I ſhall uſe all poſſible Diligence to cure, are ſuch as are hidden in the Appearance of quite contrary Habits and Diſpoſitions. Among ſuch, I ſhall in the firſt Place take Care of one who is under the moſt ſubtle Species of Pride that I have obſerved in my whole Experience.

This Patient is a Perſon for whom I have great Reſpect, as being an old Courtier, and a Friend of mine in my Youth. The Man has but a bare Subſiſtence, juſt enough to pay his Reckoning with us at the *Trumpet*: But by having ſpent the Beginning of his

his Life in the Heating of great Men and Persons of Power, he is always promising to do good Offices, to introduce every Man he converses with into the World; will desire one of ten Times his Substance to let him see him sometimes, and hints to him, that he does not forget him. He answers to Matters of no Consequence with great Circumspection; but however, maintains a general Civility in his Words and Actions, and an insolent Benevolence to all whom he has to do with: This he practises with a grave Tone and Air; and tho' I am his Senior by Twelve Years, and richer by Forty Pounds *per Annum*, he had Yesterday the Impudence to commend me to my Face, and tell me, He should be always ready to encourage me. In a Word, he is a very insignificant Fellow, but exceeding Gracious. The best Return I can make him for his Favours, is, to carry him my self to *Bedlam*, and see him well taken Care of.

The next Person I shall provide for, is of a quite contrary Character; that has in him all the Stiffness and Insolence of Quality, without a Grain of Sense or Good Nature to make it either respected or beloved. His Pride has infected every Muscle of his Face; and yet after all his Endeavours to show Mankind that he contemns them, he is only neglected by all that see him, as not of Consequence enough to be hated.

For the Cure of this particular Sort of Madness, it will be necessary to break through all Forms with him, and familiarize his Carriage by the Use of a good Cudgel. It may likewise be of great Benefit to make him jump over a Stick half a Dozen Times every Morning.

A Third whom I have in my Eye is a young Fellow, whose Lunacy is such, that he boasts of nothing but what he ought to be asham'd of. He is vain of being rotten, and talks publickly of having committed Crimes, which he ought to be hanged for by the Laws of his Country.

There are several others whose Brains are hurt with Pride, and whom I may hereafter attempt to recover; but shall conclude my present List with an old Woman, who is just dropping into her Grave, that talks of nothing but her Birth. Tho' she has not a Tooth in her Head, she expects to be valued for the Blood in her Veins, which the fancies is much better than that which glows in the Cheeks of *Belinda*, and sets half the Town on Fire.

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